



Rio Arriba County Detention Center (RACDC) POLICY 086 INMATES RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

State and Federal Courts have handed down numerous decisions affirming the constitutional rights of inmates in our detention facilities. These decisions have consistently held that officials responsible for detention facilities are civilly liable for facilities and practices which they deny or contradict the constitutional rights of inmates

The personnel of the Rio Arriba County Detention facility commit themselves to practices necessary to guarantee inmates their rights. Inmate rights shall be consistent with the constitutional provisions of the United States and the state of New Mexico, as interpreted by the courts. The administrator is responsible for familiarity with the courts decisions and for communicating them to the staff.

General Information:

1. Staff shall not deny or hinder the rights of any inmate.
2. Inmates shall have access to attorneys and the courts.
3. Access to law books will be done when an inmate requests it from the administrator or his/her attorney.
4. The Rio Arriba county Detention facility shall make every effort to keep a set of law books in the library.